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HE SHARES HIS SADDLE WITH DANGER!
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RAWHIDE KID
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ALL BRAND-NEW TALES
IF THE RAWHIDE KID GITS AWAY, YA'LL ALL ANSWER TO ME!
RAWHIDE KID'S MOST "DESPERATE HOUR!"

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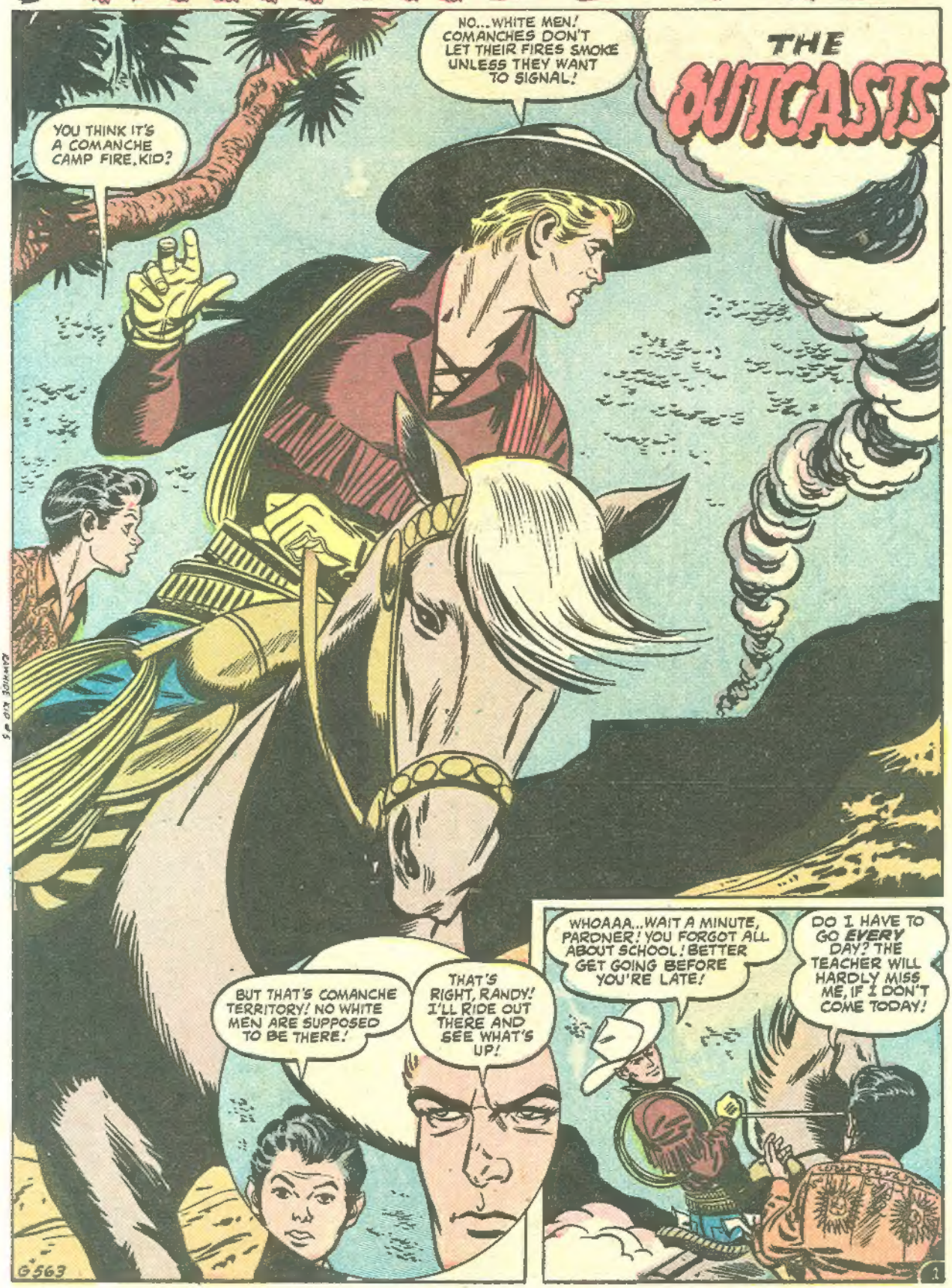
THE OUTCASTS
NO...WHITE MEN! COMANCHES DON'T LET THEIR FIRES SMOKE UNLESS THEY WANT TO SIGNAL!
YOU THINK IT'S A COMANCHE CAMP FIRE, KID?
BUT THAT'S COMANCHE TERRITORY! NO WHITE MEN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THERE!
THAT'S RIGHT, RANDY! I'LL RIDE OUT THERE AND SEE WHAT'S UP!
WHOAAA...WAIT A MINUTE, PARDNER! YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT SCHOOL! BETTER GET GOING BEFORE YOU'RE LATE!
DO I HAVE TO GO EVERY DAY? THE TEACHER WILL HARDLY MISS ME, IF I DON'T COME TODAY!
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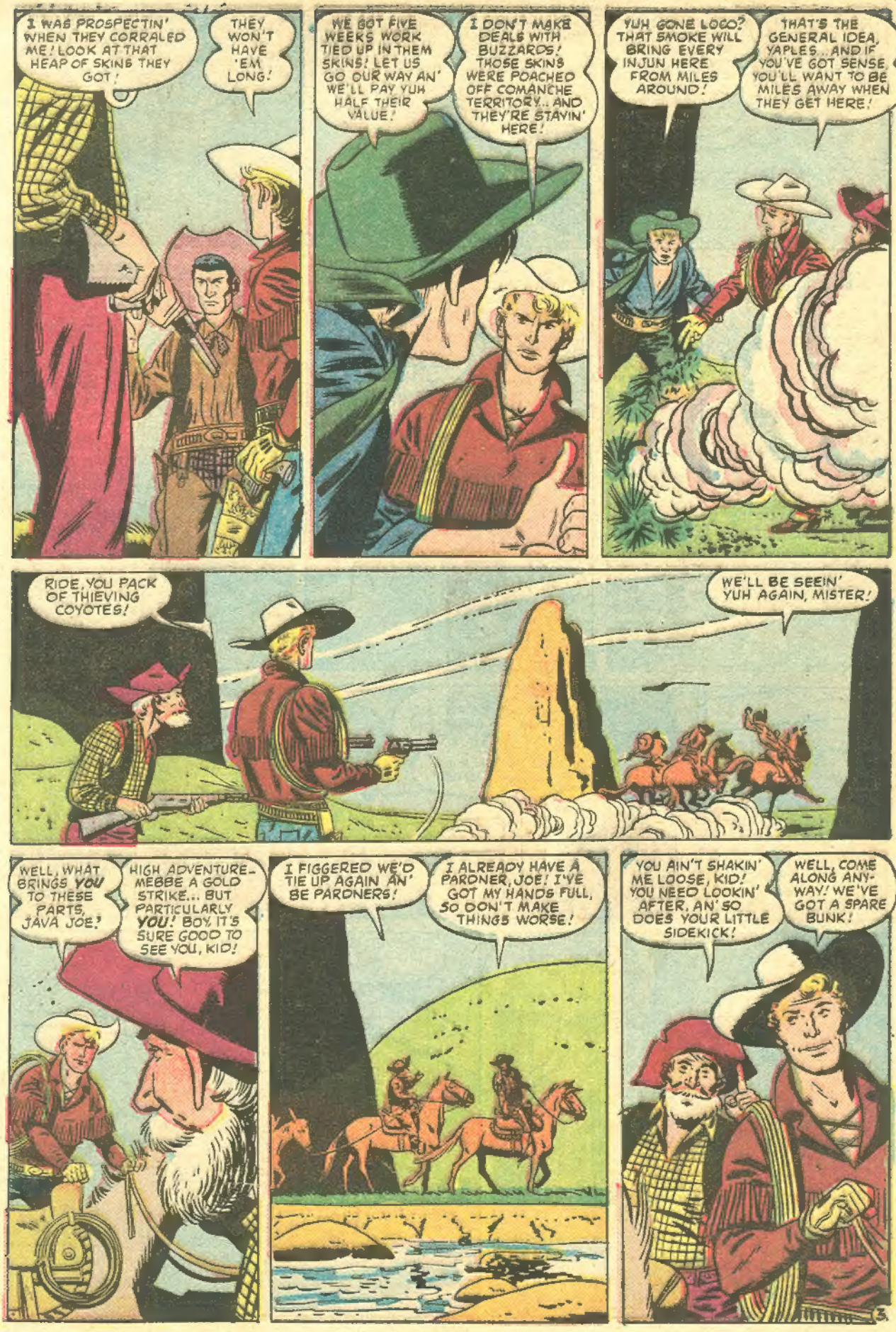
SHE'LL MISS YOU, ALL RIGHT, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! NOW JINGLE YOUR SPURS AND RIDE ALONG, RANDY! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT WHEN I GET BACK!
OH, ALL RIGHT!
COME ON, APACHE! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THOSE SMOKE-MAKERS YONDER!
MEANWHILE, AT A TRAPPERS' CAMP IN INDIAN TERRITORY...
SO YUH CAUGHT US WITH A PILE OF PELTS WE POACHED OFF INJUN TERRITORY! MEBBE YOU WAS HERE FOR THE SAME REASON... POACHIN'!
YOU KNOW I AIN'T NO THIEF!
YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO TELL THE INJUN COMMISSIONER YOU SAW US WITH SKINS!
I AIN'T AFRAID OF YOU, LYNX YAPLES!
WHAT...
FREEZE, YOU BUZZARDS!
I'LL BE A ONE-EYED HOOT OWL! IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID HISSELF!
I'VE KNOWN YOU A LONG TIME, JAVA, BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN HOT WATER! GET A GUN AND MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL!
I SURE WILL, KID! BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YOU EVER SINCE I LEFT ALBUQUERQUE!


I WAS PROSPECTIN' WHEN THEY CORRALED ME! LOOK AT THAT HEAP OF SKINS THEY GOT!
THEY WON'T HAVE 'EM LONG!
WE GOT FIVE WEEKS WORK TIED UP IN THEM SKINS! LET US GO OUR WAY AN' WE'LL PAY YUH HALF THEIR VALUE!
I DON'T MAKE DEALS WITH BUZZARDS! THOSE SKINS WERE POACHED OFF COMANCHE TERRITORY.. AND THEY'RE STAYIN' HERE!
YUH GONE LOCO? THAT SMOKE WILL BRING EVERY INJUN HERE FROM MILES AROUND!
THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA, YAPLES.. AND IF YOU'VE GOT SENSE, YOU'LL WANT TO BE MILES AWAY WHEN THEY GET HERE!
RIDE, YOU PACK OF THIEVING COYOTES!
WE'LL BE SEEIN' YUH AGAIN, MISTER!
WELL, WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THESE PARTS, JAVA JOE?
HIGH ADVENTURE- MEBBE A GOLD STRIKE... BUT PARTICULARLY YOU! BOY, IT'S SURE GOOD TO SEE YOU, KID!
I FIGGERED WE'D TIE UP AGAIN AN' BE PARDNERS!
I ALREADY HAVE A PARDNER, JOE! I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL, SO DON'T MAKE THINGS WORSE!
YOU AIN'T SHAKIN' ME LOOSE, KID! YOU NEED LOOKIN' AFTER, AN' SO DOES YOUR LITTLE SIDEKICK!
WELL, COME ALONG ANY-WAY! WE'VE GOT A SPARE BUNK!
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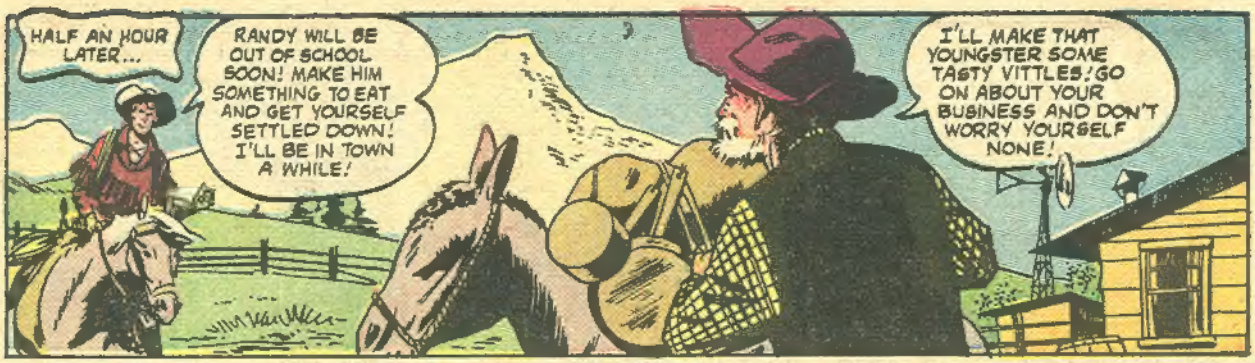

HALF AN HOUR LATER...
RANDY WILL BE OUT OF SCHOOL SOON! MAKE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT AND GET YOURSELF SETTLED DOWN! I'LL BE IN TOWN A WHILE!
I'LL MAKE THAT YOUNGSTER SOME TASTY VITTLES! GO ON ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND DON'T WORRY YOURSELF NONE!

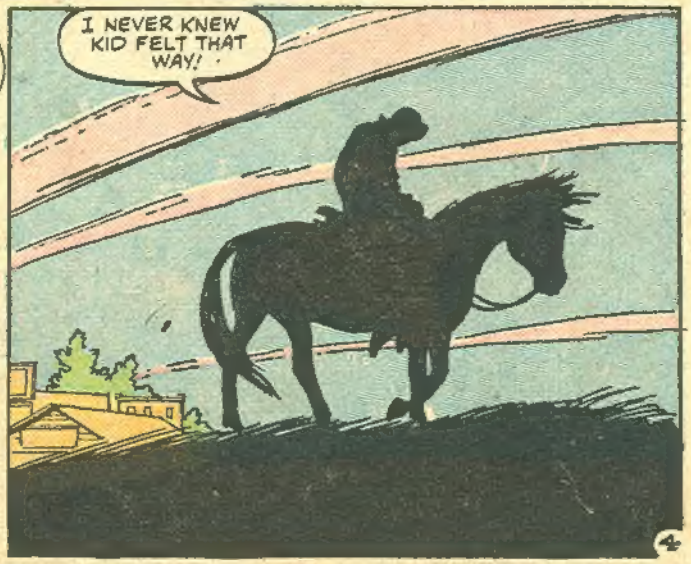
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR JAVA JOE TO WORK HIS WAY INTO RANDY'S HEART...

I'LL MAKE YOUR EARS BURN WITH STORIES ABOUT INJUNS, BAD HOMBRES, FROM YUMA TO FRISCO, GOLD STRIKES AN' RANGE WARS! I'LL TELL YOU...
GOSH ONE AT A TIME, JAVA! NO MORE GRUB! I'M PLUMB FULL NOW!

MEANWHILE IN BUCKHORN...

IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE OLD JAVA JOE! WE RODE THE HILLS OF THE SIERRAS TOGETHER... BUT NOW IT'S DIFFERENT!
WELL, MAYBE HE WON'T STAY LONG! YOU KNOW HOW THE DESERT SAND GETS IN HIS SHOES! HE'LL BE RARIN' TO GO PRETTY SOON!

COUNTY SHERIFF
WM. YANCEY
HE'S A NUISANCE... ALWAYS HANGIN' AROUND AND ASKING QUESTIONS! NO MAN LIKES TO BE TIED DOWN! I'M TELLING YOU, HE'S USELESS TO ME!
HUH?



SOON...
YOU HEARD HIM SAY THAT, HUH? WHY, I NEVER KNOWED THAT HOMBRE'S HEART WAS MADE OF STONE! NOW DON'T YOU WEEP NONE, BOY! I'LL STICK BY YOU!
I W-WANT TO GO AWAY...NOW! I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE WHEN HE GETS BACK!
I AIN'T STAYIN' EITHER! HE WAS NONE TOO HAPPY TO SEE ME! WE'LL HIT THE TRAIL TOGETHER, RANDY! WE'LL BE PARDNERS!
I WON'T BE A BURDEN TO YOU, JAVA! I'LL HELP ALL I CAN!
LATER ON A RIDGE OVERLOOKING SNAKE RIVER...
TAKE A LOOK YONDER! IT'S THE OLD VARMINT WHO MADE US LOSE OUR PELTS!
COME ON! LET'S GET 'IM!
ONE MOVE AN' WE'LL FINISH YOU!
WE BEEN DRY-GULCHED! RUN FOR IT, RANDY!
HEAD THAT LITTLE VARMINT OFF!
COME ON AND TRY!
THERE'S MORE WHERE THIS CAME FROM!
WE WERE THINKIN' OF SETTLIN' THE SCORE, BUT I NEVER FIGGERED IT WOULD BE SO SOON! WHO'S THE YOUNGSTER?
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN HIS PARTNER COMES LOOKIN' FOR YOU!

MEANWHILE...
GONE...BOTH OF THEM! I KNEW I COULDN'T TRUST THAT OLD DESERT LIZARD AROUND! RANDY'S GEAR IS GONE, TOO!
THEY HEADED WEST WITH FULL PACKS! THIS ISN'T LIKE RANDY AT ALL! I BETTER START TRACKING THEM PRONTO!
NOT TOO FAR AWAY...
WE GOT NO USE FOR EITHER OF 'EM!
THE OLD MAN IS WUTHLESS, BUT WE CAN USE THE KID FOR ERRANDS AN' CHECKIN' TRAP LINES!
LISTEN TO ME, YOU RATTLERS... LEAVE THE BOY ALONE! DON'T GO MAKIN' A SIDEWINDER OUT OF HIM!
GIVE THIS KID A CHANCE IN LIFE! I'M A WUTHLESS OLD FOOL AN' NOBODY WILL MISS ME! TAKE ME AN' LEAVE THE BOY!
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, JAVA! I HEARD KID SAY I WAS USELESS AN' A NUISANCE!
SUDDENLY, THE STACCATO CLAPS OF SIX-GUN THUNDER ECHOED, AS .45 SLUGS FOUND THEIR MARKS!
IT'S KID!
GLORY BE!
RANDY, YOU MUST HAVE HEARD ME TALKING ABOUT JAVA JOE, NOT YOU! I TAKE IT ALL BACK...EVERY-THING! THERE'S NO REASON THE THREE OF US CAN'T BE PARDS!
GOSH, DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT, KID?
OF COURSE HE MEANS IT! LET'S GO, PARDNERS!
THE END
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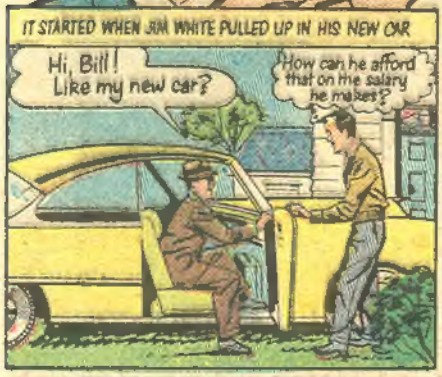
How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois



No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours. You should see how people buy these shoes! Look, real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY. So I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:
Bill! Look... a real air cushion innersole that customers can feel!
And look at this! Over 175 different styles! Dress shoes, sport shoes, work shoes... from width AAAA to EEEE

I started with friends, relatives, people where I worked. EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes. You sure have swell styles... my right size, too!

Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample shoes, and sales came faster than ever!
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My spare-time business grew by leaps and bounds. It was a cinch getting repeat orders!
Hello, Mr. Jones. It's been 2 months since I've called on you
Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Time I was getting another pair of Mason shoes... My wife needs a pair, too!
Never had a shoe fit so well

I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes. I found real security
Bill! a new toaster!
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Mr. Ned Mason, Dept. MA 656
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co.
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

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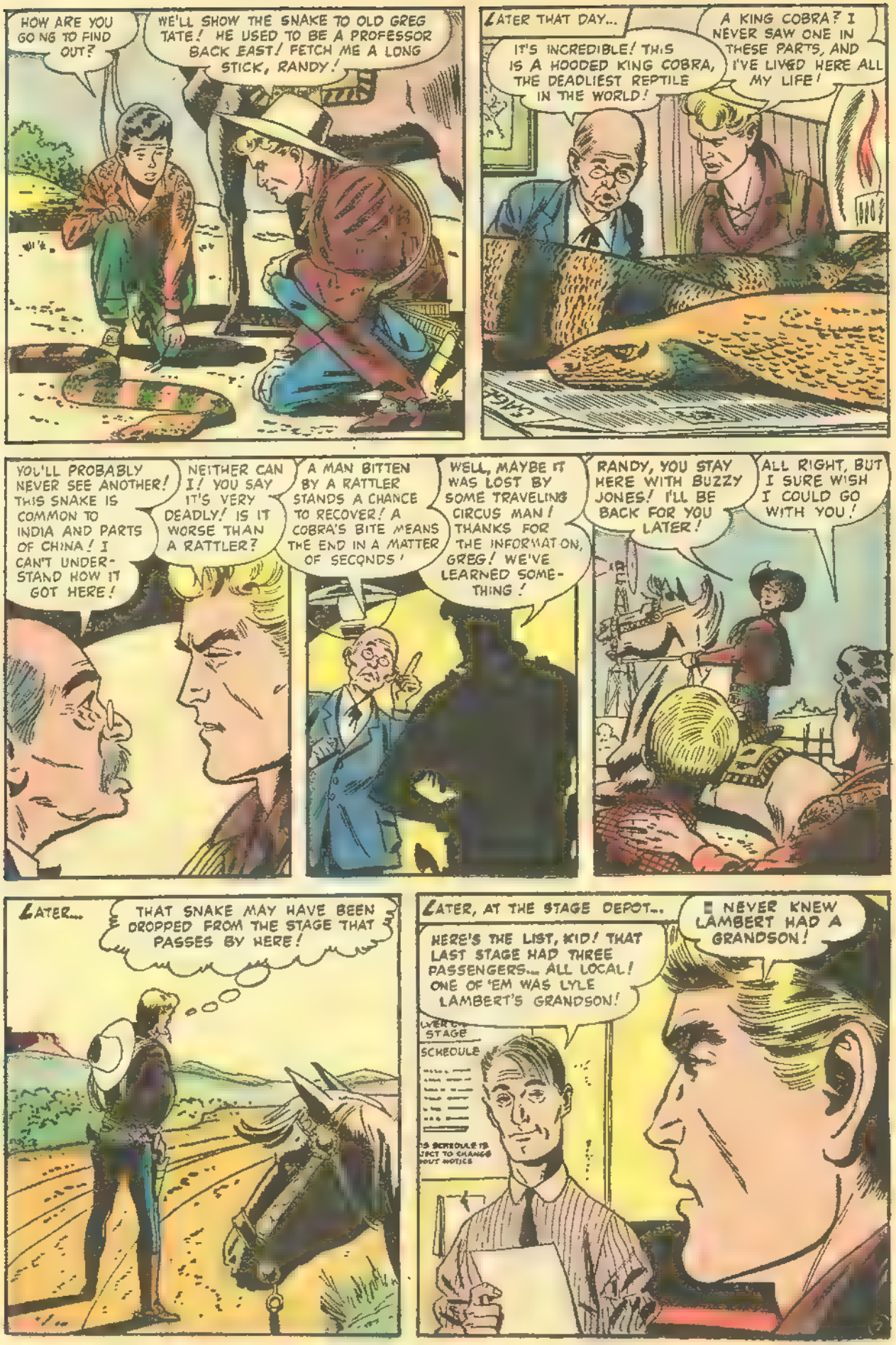
THE RAWHIDE KID

KID! LOOK!
THE RAWHIDE KID'S STARTLED EYES TOOK IN THE SHAPE OF A SNAKE HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE! ONE GLANCE AT THE SYMBOL ON ITS HOOD TOLD HIM THERE WAS NO TIME TO LOSE...
"KING COBRA!"
THE RAWHIDE KID'S GUNS LEAPED FROM THEIR HOLSTERS WITH BLAZING MUZZLES...
YOU GOT IT, KID!
WHAT WAS IT, KID? AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A RATTLER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF A SNAKE THIS IS, RANDY, BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT! STAY CLEAR A WHILE! HE'S STILL SLASHING AROUND!


HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND OUT?
WE'LL SHOW THE SNAKE TO OLD GREG TATE! HE USED TO BE A PROFESSOR BACK EAST! FETCH ME A LONG STICK, RANDY!
LATER THAT DAY...
IT'S INCREDIBLE! THIS IS A HOODED KING COBRA, THE DEADLIEST REPTILE IN THE WORLD!
A KING COBRA? I NEVER SAW ONE IN THESE PARTS, AND I'VE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE!
YOU'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE ANOTHER! THIS SNAKE IS COMMON TO INDIA AND PARTS OF CHINA! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT GOT HERE!
NEITHER CAN I! YOU SAY IT'S VERY DEADLY! IS IT WORSE THAN A RATTLER?
A MAN BITTEN BY A RATTLER STANDS A CHANCE TO RECOVER! A COBRA'S BITE MEANS THE END IN A MATTER OF SECONDS!
WELL, MAYBE IT WAS LOST BY SOME TRAVELING CIRCUS MAN! THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION, GREG! WE'VE LEARNED SOMETHING!
RANDY, YOU STAY HERE WITH BUZZY JONES! I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU LATER!
ALL RIGHT, BUT I SURE WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU!
LATER...
THAT SNAKE MAY HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE STAGE THAT PASSES BY HERE!
LATER, AT THE STAGE DEPOT...
HERE'S THE LIST, KID! THAT LAST STAGE HAD THREE PASSENGERS... ALL LOCAL! ONE OF 'EM WAS LYLE LAMBERT'S GRANDSON!
I NEVER KNEW LAMBERT HAD A GRANDSON!
STAGE
SCHEDULE

I GOT OFF THAT LAST STAGE! SOME OF MY BAGGAGE IS MISSING! HAS A WICKER BASKET BEEN TURNED IN HERE?
NOPE! ALL THE BAGGAGE WAS STOWED TOPSIDE! MEBBE IT GOT SHOOK LOOSE! I'LL FILL OUT A REPORT, MR. LAMBERT!
SILVER CREEK STAGE
SCHEDULE
WHAT WAS IN THE BASKET, MR. LAMBERT? ANYTHING VALUABLE?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S ANY OF YOUR AFFAIR!
I'LL MAKE OUT A REPORT, MR. LAMBERT! JUST DESCRIBE THE BAGGAGE AN' SET A VALUE ON THE CONTENTS!
SKIP THE REPORT! IT WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT... JUST SOME BOOKS AND PAPERS!
NOW THERE'S A RIGHT CHILLY HOMBRE! I WOULDN'T TRUST HIM TOO FAR!
NEITHER WOULD I, BEN! I'D GIVE A GOLD EAGLE TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN THAT BASKET!
WAL, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET USED TO YOUNG LAMBERT! HE'LL OWN THE L-BAR-L RANCH WHEN THE OLD MAN PASSES ON!
LAMBERT'S SPREAD IS THE FINEST AROUND HERE, AND YOUNG LAMBERT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A RANGE MAN!
MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF RANDY'S PLAYMATE...
BOYS, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR ME?
BE GLAD TO, MRS JONES!
SURE THING, MOM!
THIS IS A PRESENT FOR OUR NEIGHBOR, LYLE LAMBERT! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR A YEAR!
GEE, IT'S A NEAT-LOOKING QUILT, MRS JONES! WE'LL BRING IT TO THE L-BAR-L! LET'S SADDLE UP, BUZZY!
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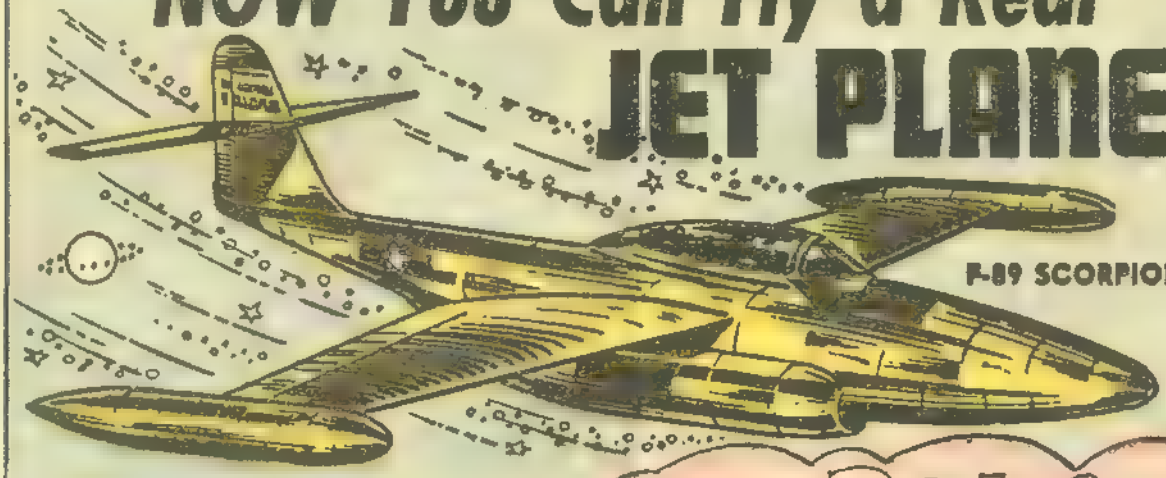

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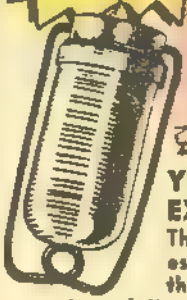

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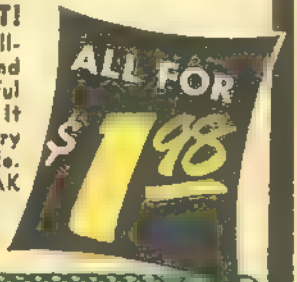

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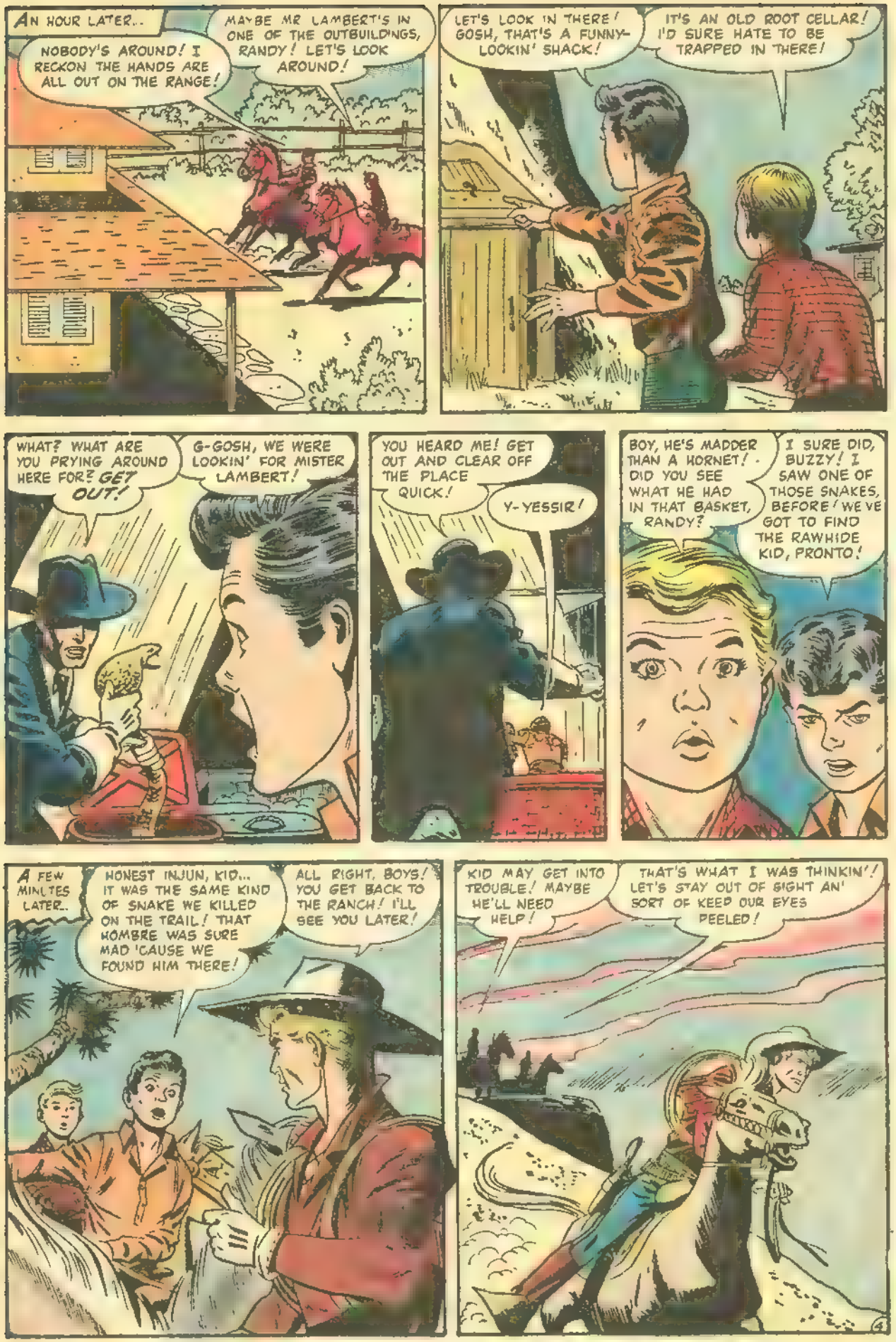
AN HOUR LATER..
NOBODY'S AROUND! I RECKON THE HANDS ARE ALL OUT ON THE RANGE!
MAYBE MR LAMBERT'S IN ONE OF THE OUTBUILDINGS, RANDY! LET'S LOOK AROUND!
LET'S LOOK IN THERE! GOSH, THAT'S A FUNNY-LOOKIN' SHACK!
IT'S AN OLD ROOT CELLAR! I'D SURE HATE TO BE TRAPPED IN THERE!
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU PRYING AROUND HERE FOR? GET OUT!
G-GOSH, WE WERE LOOKIN' FOR MISTER LAMBERT!
YOU HEARD ME! GET OUT AND CLEAR OFF THE PLACE QUICK!
Y-YESSIR!
BOY, HE'S MADDER THAN A HORNET! DID YOU SEE WHAT HE HAD IN THAT BASKET, RANDY?
I SURE DID, BUZZY! I SAW ONE OF THOSE SNAKES, BEFORE WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE RAWHIDE KID, PRONTO!
A FEW MINUTES LATER..
HONEST INJUN, KID... IT WAS THE SAME KIND OF SNAKE WE KILLED ON THE TRAIL! THAT HOMBRE WAS SURE MAD 'CAUSE WE FOUND HIM THERE!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS! YOU GET BACK TO THE RANCH! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
KID MAY GET INTO TROUBLE! MAYBE HE'LL NEED HELP!
THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKIN'! LET'S STAY OUT OF SIGHT AN' SORT OF KEEP OUR EYES PEELED!
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THERE'S THE ROOT CELLAR, BUT IT'S LOCKED AND BOLTED NOW! I'D BETTER HAVE A TALK WITH OLD MAN LAMBERT!
NOBODY ANSWERED THE FRONT DOOR! IT'S TOO QUIET IN HERE TO SUIT ME! MAYBE THE OLD MAN IS UPSTAIRS!
THERE'S LAMBERT'S GRANDSON NOW... AND HE'S COMING OUT OF THE OLD MAN'S BEDROOM!
HOWDY! I'M LOOKING FOR LYLE LAMBERT! ISN'T THIS HIS ROOM?
WHAT? Y-YES, BUT YOU CAN'T GO IN! MY GRANDFATHER IS PRETTY SICK! HE CAN'T SEE ANYONE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
I'M GOING IN ANYWAY! IF HE'S SICK, WHY DON'T YOU CALL A DOCTOR?
YOU MEDDLING POLECAT! I SAID STAY OUT OF THERE AND I MEANT IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, MISTER, BUT I AIM TO FIND OUT!
AS THE KID SWINGS THE DOOR OPEN...
GLORY BE...A KING COBRA! IF OLD MAN LAMBERT MOVES, HE'S A GONER!
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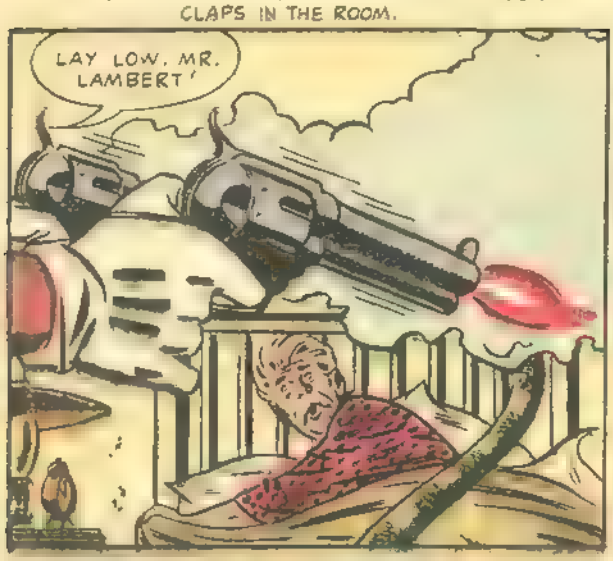
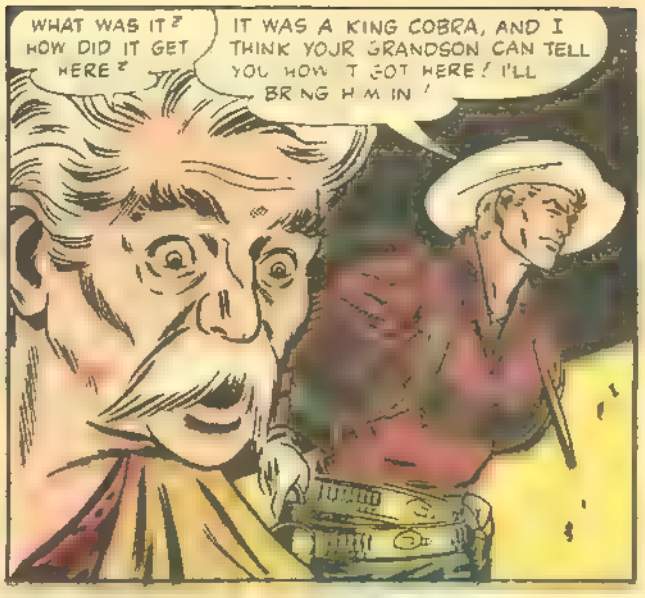
THE KID'S BLAZING GUNS ECHOED LIKE THUNDER-CLAPS IN THE ROOM.





MY GRANDSON? I THOUGHT HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGELY SINCE HE'S BACK FROM INDIA!
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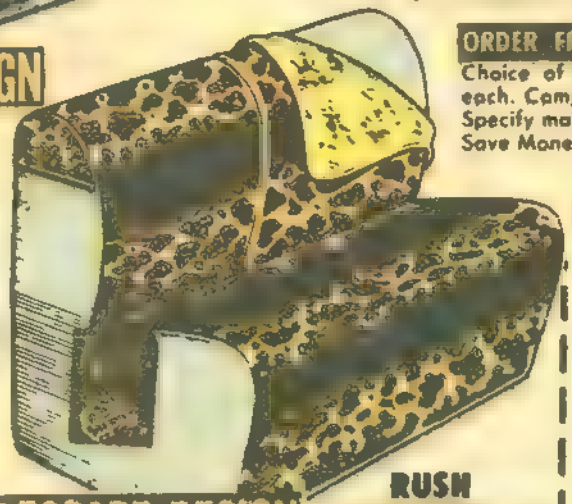

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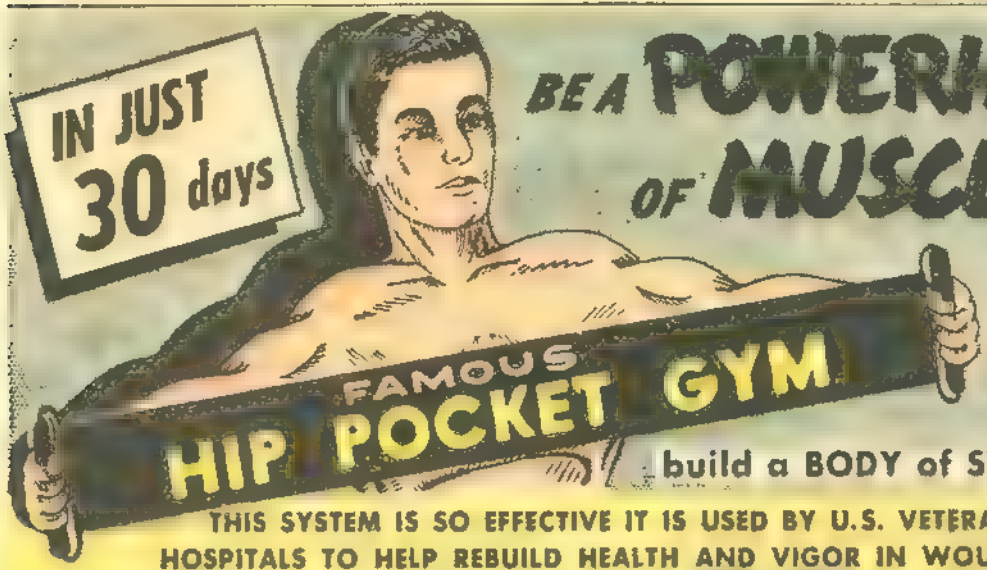

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Bligh Conan laughed.

"Sure you've got the floor, Barton?" he asked, slyly. "Seems to me that cayuse got it first."

Barton turned and regarded his oldest friendly enemy in Three Buttes. Bligh was about half as tall as Grangely Barton, with a peppery, humorous manner and a sharp mind.

"*I* have the floor," Barton declared with immense dignity. "If that cayuse has anything to say, it will have to wait until later!" Again he turned to the chairman, Miles Frazer. "Mr. Chairman, as I was about to say before I was interrupted, the old Bijou Theater is a landmark in Three Buttes, a relic of the old West which any town would be proud of. Though it has been closed for five decades, it is still a memento of those glorious days when the West was the West and men were men! Therefore I move that the condemnation proceedings against the Bijou Theater be indefinitely postponed."

"And *I* move that the Bijou opry house be torn down immediately as a public menace!" Bligh Conan interrupted.

Miles Frazer smiled. "Well, gentlemen," he said, "a preceding motion takes precedence, though, of course, strictly according to rules of parliamentary procedure, a secondary motion can be tacked on to a preceding motion by a majority vote. But before we go on, I'd like to point out that both you gentlemen are right. The Bijou is, indeed, a memento of the days of the old West. And it *is* a public menace . . ."

"Objection!" broke in Grangely Barton. "The Bijou, strictly speakin', is outside the present town limits. There isn't a building within six hundred feet of it and the nearest street is even further away!"

"Suppose it blows down in a high wind?" Conan demanded. "Suppose the proscenium arch drapes itself around a certain well-known citizen's neck? Who, in that case, is going to be the first to yell that the town council hasn't been doin' its duty?"

An amused smile played on Barton's features.

"I'll grant that a certain galoot by the name of Conan has a good point. All I wanted to say was that the town council ought to appropriate money to strengthen the structure. That way the Bijou will keep on being a tourist attraction." He paused, smiling. "And it'd also be safe for anybody."

"Why the town'd go broke fixin' up that wreck, even if it is a tourist attraction," Conan said fiercely. "Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order . . . and you'll know what I mean!"

"Point of order granted," the chairman said. "Granted and recognized, unless I hear a dissenting voice or a second to Mr. Barton's motion."

There was silence. And in silence, but fuming beneath his tremendous dignity, Grangely Barton sat down.

"Next point on the agenda," Miles Frazer went on briskly, "is the disposal of the Treasure Map. As everybody knows, the Treasure Map is sold every year to help the Three Buttes Welfare Fund. Of course, it's worthless, since the treasure isn't where it's supposed to be on the map, but we all get a kick out of owning a real map of that kind. Now lemme see, who bought the map last year?"

A hand went up. It was Grangely Barton's. Slowly he rose.

"What's more," he said, "I'm keepin' it!"

A gasp went around the well-filled town hall.

"Keeping it?" Frazer asked, astonished. "But it's worthless!"

Old Barton grinned.

"So far it's been," he said. "But I have other ideas this year." For a moment he went into the history of the map. In the early years of the eighteen-hundreds a party of prospectors loaded with gold nuggets had been forced to jettison the treasure while fleeing from an attack by Indians. They had sunk a dozen sacks in the middle of the Pepperall River, a stream about a mile from the center of what was now Three Buttes. The point had been marked, but the treasure had never been found, though the map had passed

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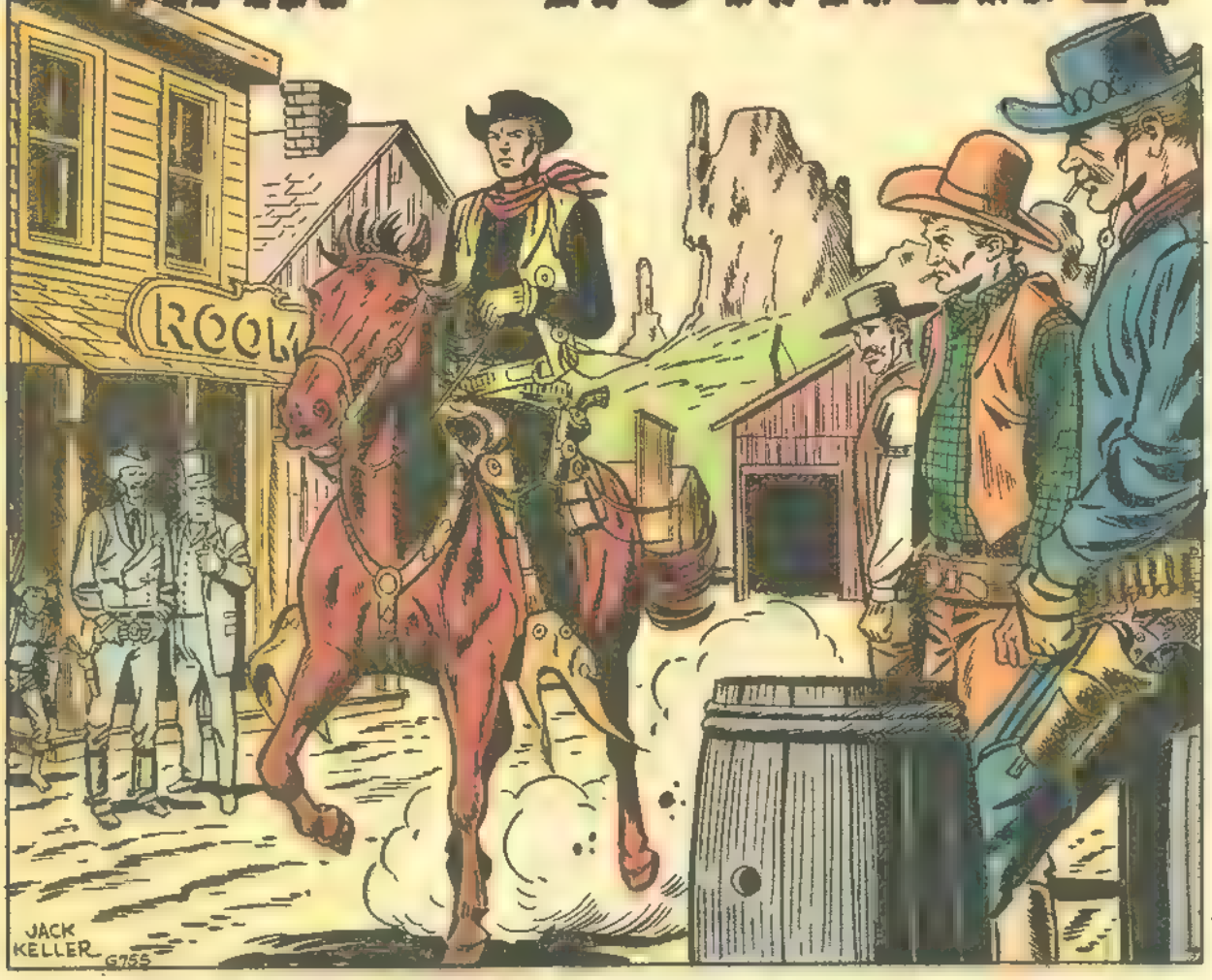
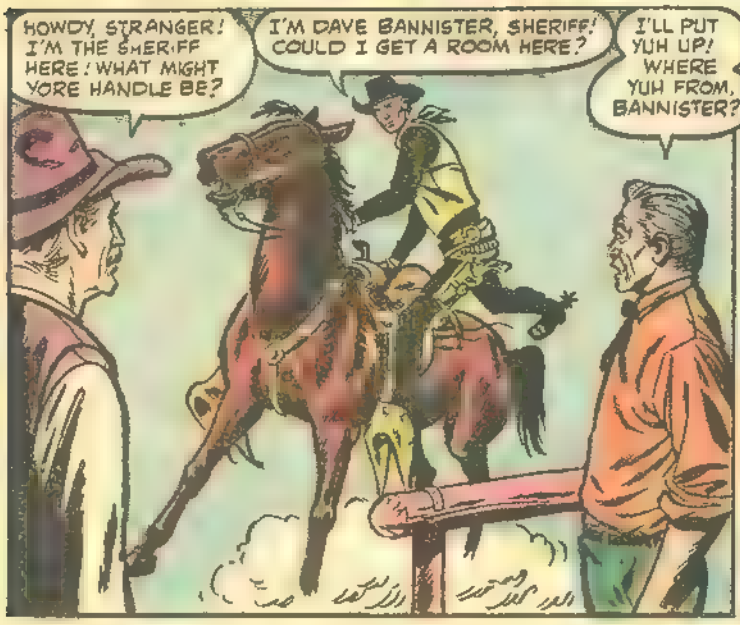
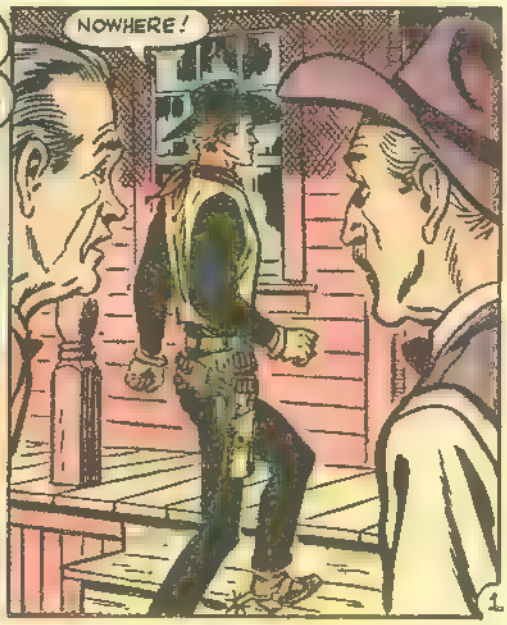
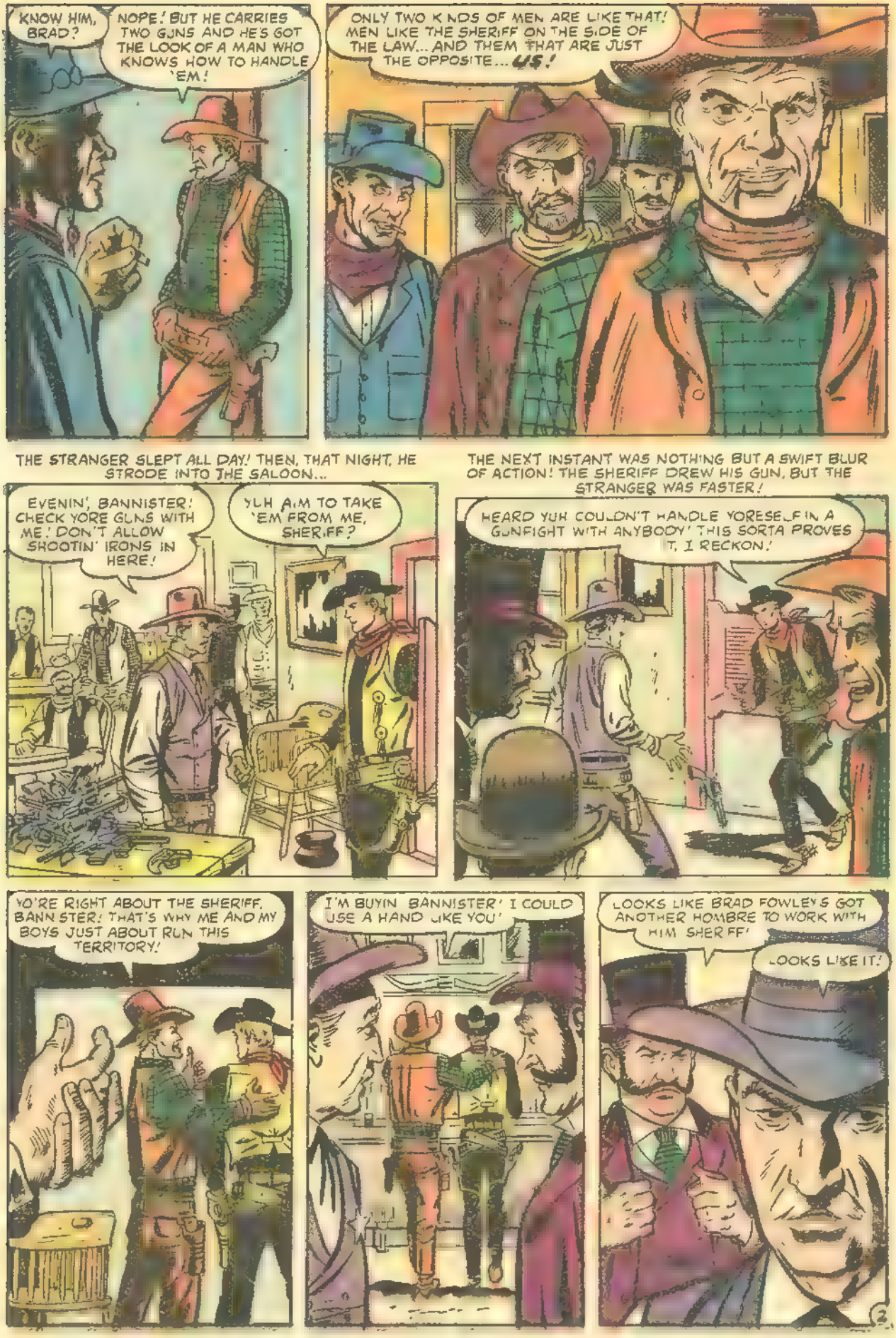
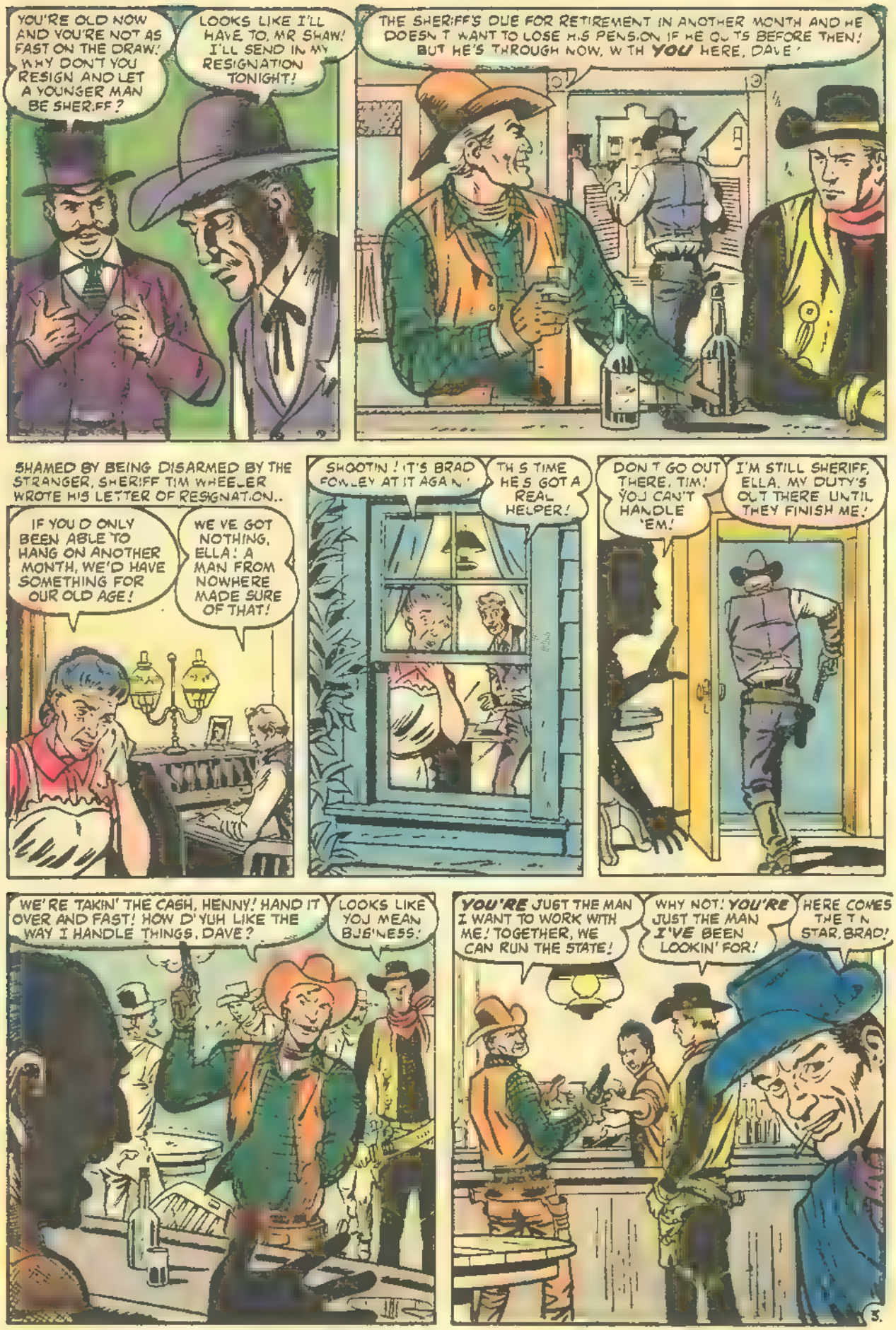
THE MAN FROM NOWHERE!




HOWDY, STRANGER! I'M THE SHERIFF HERE! WHAT MIGHT YORE HANDLE BE?
I'M DAVE BANNISTER, SHERIFF! COULD I GET A ROOM HERE?
I'LL PUT YUH UP! WHERE YUH FROM, BANNISTER?




KNOW HIM, BRAD?
NOPE! BUT HE CARRIES TWO GUNS AND HE'S GOT THE LOOK OF A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE 'EM!
ONLY TWO KINDS OF MEN ARE LIKE THAT! MEN LIKE THE SHERIFF ON THE SIDE OF THE LAW... AND THEM THAT ARE JUST THE OPPOSITE... US!
THE STRANGER SLEPT ALL DAY! THEN, THAT NIGHT, HE STRODE INTO THE SALOON...
EVENIN', BANNISTER! CHECK YORE GUNS WITH ME! DON'T ALLOW SHOOTIN' IRONS IN HERE!
YUH AIM TO TAKE 'EM FROM ME, SHERIFF?
THE NEXT INSTANT WAS NOTHING BUT A SWIFT BLUR OF ACTION! THE SHERIFF DREW HIS GUN, BUT THE STRANGER WAS FASTER!
HEARD YUH COULDN'T HANDLE YORESELF IN A GUNFIGHT WITH ANYBODY! THIS SORTA PROVES IT, I RECKON!
YO'RE RIGHT ABOUT THE SHERIFF, BANNISTER! THAT'S WHY ME AND MY BOYS JUST ABOUT RUN THIS TERRITORY!
I'M BUYIN' BANNISTER! I COULD USE A HAND LIKE YOU!
LOOKS LIKE BRAD FOWLEY'S GOT ANOTHER HOMBRE TO WORK WITH HIM, SHERIFF!
LOOKS LIKE IT!


YOU'RE OLD NOW AND YOU'RE NOT AS FAST ON THE DRAW! WHY DON'T YOU RESIGN AND LET A YOUNGER MAN BE SHERIFF?
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO, MR SHAW! I'LL SEND IN MY RESIGNATION TONIGHT!
THE SHERIFF'S DUE FOR RETIREMENT IN ANOTHER MONTH AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE HIS PENSION IF HE QUITS BEFORE THEN! BUT HE'S THROUGH NOW, WITH YOU HERE, DAVE!
SHAMED BY BEING DISARMED BY THE STRANGER, SHERIFF TIM WHEELER WROTE HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION..
IF YOU'D ONLY BEEN ABLE TO HANG ON ANOTHER MONTH, WE'D HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR OLD AGE!
WE'VE GOT NOTHING, ELLA! A MAN FROM NOWHERE MADE SURE OF THAT!
SHOOTIN'! IT'S BRAD FOWLEY AT IT AGAIN!
THIS TIME HE'S GOT A REAL HELPER!
DON'T GO OUT THERE, TIM! YOU CAN'T HANDLE 'EM!
I'M STILL SHERIFF, ELLA. MY DUTY'S OUT THERE UNTIL THEY FINISH ME!
WE'RE TAKIN' THE CASH, HENNY! HAND IT OVER AND FAST! HOW D'YUH LIKE THE WAY I HANDLE THINGS, DAVE?
LOOKS LIKE YOU MEAN BUSINESS!
YOU'RE JUST THE MAN I WANT TO WORK WITH ME! TOGETHER, WE CAN RUN THE STATE!
WHY NOT! YOU'RE JUST THE MAN I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR!
HERE COMES THE TIN STAR, BRAD!
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LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FIXIN' ON RETIRIN' FOR GOOD, TIN STAR!
DROP YORE GUNS AND PUT UP YORE HANDS!
GO ON! SHOOT FIRST! YOU CAN'T HIT ANYBODY WITH YORE BAD EYESIGHT!
HOLD IT, BRAD!
DON'T LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY FINISHED LIKE THAT.
LOOKS LIKE I GOT TO TEACH YOU WHO'S BOSSMAN IN THESE PARTS DAVE!
GO AHEAD! START TEACHIN'! YOU'VE GOT YORE GUN! SHOOT!
YOU...YOU'RE A LAWMAN YORESELF!
BRAD STARTED TO SHOOT AS HIS TRIGGER FINGER SQUEEZED
BUT THE STRANGER'S HAND MOVED EVEN FASTER THAN BRAD'S FINGER!
YUH WANT TO DRAW THE OTHER GUN? GO AHEAD!
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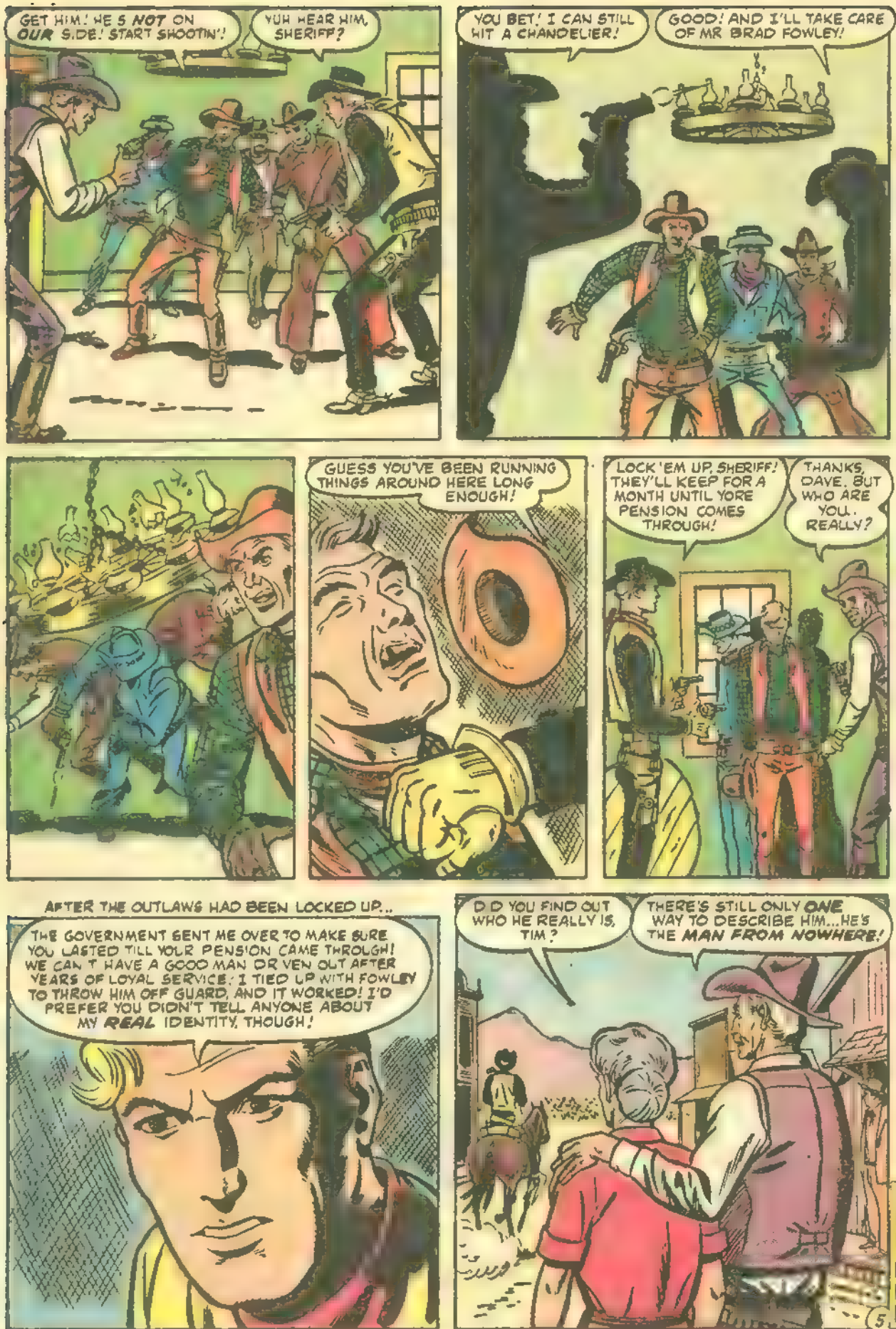
GET HIM! HE'S NOT ON OUR SIDE! START SHOOTIN'!
YUH HEAR HIM, SHERIFF?
YOU BET! I CAN STILL HIT A CHANDELIER!
GOOD! AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF MR BRAD FOWLEY!
GUESS YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING THINGS AROUND HERE LONG ENOUGH!
LOCK 'EM UP, SHERIFF! THEY'LL KEEP FOR A MONTH UNTIL YORE PENSION COMES THROUGH!
THANKS, DAVE. BUT WHO ARE YOU. REALLY?
AFTER THE OUTLAWS HAD BEEN LOCKED UP...
THE GOVERNMENT SENT ME OVER TO MAKE SURE YOU LASTED TILL YOUR PENSION CAME THROUGH! WE CAN'T HAVE A GOOD MAN DRIVEN OUT AFTER YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE! I TIED UP WITH FOWLEY TO THROW HIM OFF GUARD, AND IT WORKED! I'D PREFER YOU DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT MY REAL IDENTITY, THOUGH!
D'D YOU FIND OUT WHO HE REALLY IS, TIM?
THERE'S STILL ONLY ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE HIM...HE'S THE MAN FROM NOWHERE!
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through the hands of many families in the vicinity when it became settled. He finished by saying that he was having one more try at the treasure.

"Why you're plumb loco!" Bligh Conan said loudly.

Barton's beetling eyebrows squinted in Conan's direction.

"Loco, hey?" he asked. "I'll show you who's loco!" He looked around the meeting. "And if I *am* loco, it's my own business." Then he grinned broadly. "But I think I'll surprise you all!"

Conan laughed.

"If you do, I'll withdraw my objection to everything you've been saying!"

Barton bridled.

"Trying to pose as big - hearted, hey? Only reason you're sayin' that is . . ." he began.

"That's right, Barton," Bligh Conan said, grinning. "I'm bein' big - hearted because I know you can't deliver! And you can't deliver because that river bed's been explored so thoroughly there just isn't any treasure!"

Grange Barton smiled broadly as he turned to go.

"All right," he said. "Remember your promise, Conan. I'll be seeing you the night of the County Fair." He glanced at Miles Frazer. "In fact you can still sell the treasure map as a curio and for the last time, because I won't need it any more!"

The night of the County Fair at Three Buttes was always a big affair for the town. Gossip as always ran rife, but this year, the big news was the expected find that Grangely Barton had promised. After the town meeting, everyone had expected that Barton would be seen around the Pepperall River. He *was* seen there, but only once, during the noon hour to water his horse. And it was reported that he had had a good laugh, then ridden off.

But, on his way in to Three Buttes on the afternoon the County Fair opened, Bligh Conan, dropping by the Barton spread, detected a look of disappointment in the old man's face.

"Coming in to spring your big surprise?" Conan asked.

"We'll see, we'll see," Barton muttered.

"That we will," Conan said, and rode off. As he topped the rise that led to the road to Three Buttes, a horseman came thundering down from town, swept down the slope and rode up to Barton. Glancing back, Conan saw the rider and the old

man in deep conversation. And the last thing he saw was Barton shaking his head in deep gloom.

The Fair, situated outside the town near the banks of the Pepperall, was a huge success. Cattle-roping exhibitions took up a large part of the afternoon; in the evening games in several big tents and numerous booths provided entertainment.

Grangely Barton had still not showed up by the time the big night open-air supper got under way. Bligh Conan and Miles Frazer, who sat at the same table, discussed the matter. They both agreed that for once, the old man, who usually had his way, wouldn't this time.

At that moment, a gasp of surprise was heard down in back where the tables began. Conan and Frazer glanced up from their steaks in amazement to see Grangely Barton stride into the Fair grounds followed by three of his bunkhouse crew carrying four heavy bags apiece. Barton came up through rising excitement on everyone's part to the table at which the town officials sat. At a signal, the cowpokes up-ended the bags. A torrent of gold nuggets poured from them onto the middle of the table. Applause broke out.

"You found the treasure!" Conan gasped, rising.

"You bet I did," Grangely Barton said. "Though until now, it looked like I wouldn't. You see, I remembered that the Pepperall is a river with alluvial banks, the kind of river that often cuts a new bed in high flood stage. Lookin' up the record, I found that the only high flood stage in memory had been during the year those gold nuggets were dropped to hide them. So I followed up old rock leads until I located where the *old* river bed had been and where the treasure was located, long before Three Buttes was built. I found that the spot was right under the old Bijou opry house! I had my boys digging secretly in the cellar and tonight we finally found the gold deep under the dried mud of the old river bed!"

Barton paused, pointing to the glittering treasure and beamed at Bligh Conan. "Three quarters of this gold is goin' to the town Welfare Fund. The rest . . . now that my friend Bligh here can't have an objection any more . . . is goin' toward the repair of the Bijou opry house as a monument to the history of Three Buttes!"

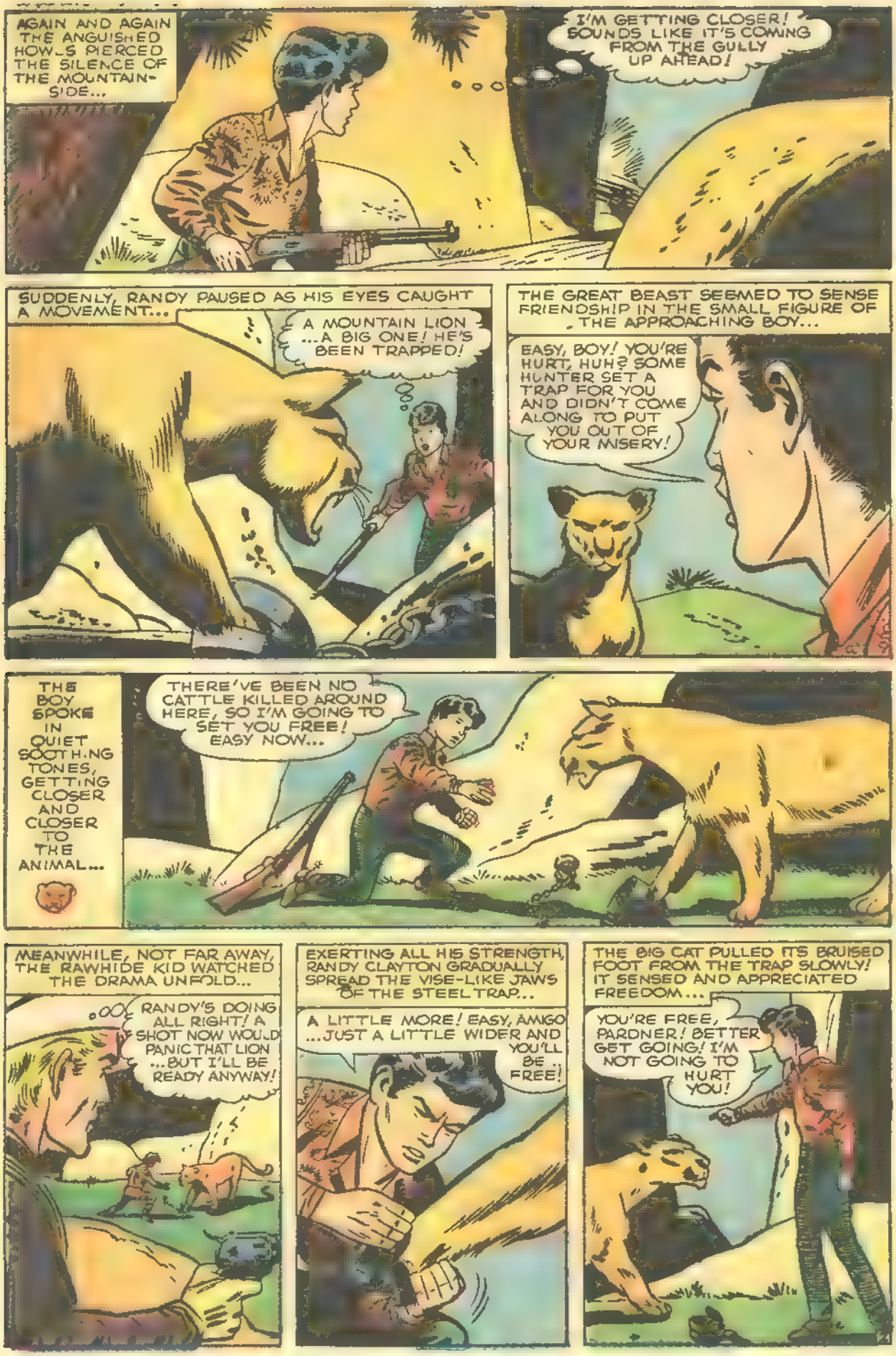
Bligh Conan's lower jaw dropped for a moment. Then, he too beamed and joined in the applause.

THE END — G-863

THE RAWHIDE KID

THE ANGUISHED HOWL OF AN ANIMAL IN PAIN CAUGHT THE EARS OF THE *RAWHIDE KID* AND HIS YOUNG PARDNER, RANDY CLAYTON! THEIR SEARCH FOR THE WOUNDED ANIMAL WAS DESTINED TO GIVE THEM BOTH A THRILL-PACKED...

"DESPERATE HOUR!"


AGAIN AND AGAIN THE ANGUISHED HOWLS PIERCED THE SILENCE OF THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE...
I'M GETTING CLOSER! SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM THE GULLY UP AHEAD!
SUDDENLY, RANDY PAUSED AS HIS EYES CAUGHT A MOVEMENT...
A MOUNTAIN LION ...A BIG ONE! HE'S BEEN TRAPPED!
THE GREAT BEAST SEEMED TO SENSE FRIENDSHIP IN THE SMALL FIGURE OF THE APPROACHING BOY...
EASY, BOY! YOU'RE HURT, HUH? SOME HUNTER SET A TRAP FOR YOU AND DIDN'T COME ALONG TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY!
THE BOY SPOKE IN QUIET SOOTHING TONES, GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE ANIMAL...
THERE'VE BEEN NO CATTLE KILLED AROUND HERE, SO I'M GOING TO SET YOU FREE! EASY NOW...
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, THE RAWHIDE KID WATCHED THE DRAMA UNFOLD...
RANDY'S DOING ALL RIGHT! A SHOT NOW WOULD PANIC THAT LION ...BUT I'LL BE READY ANYWAY!
EXERTING ALL HIS STRENGTH, RANDY CLAYTON GRADUALLY SPREAD THE VISE-LIKE JAWS OF THE STEEL TRAP...
A LITTLE MORE! EASY, AMIGO ...JUST A LITTLE WIDER AND YOU'LL BE ... FREE!
THE BIG CAT PULLED ITS BRUISED FOOT FROM THE TRAP SLOWLY! IT SENSED AND APPRECIATED FREEDOM...
YOU'RE FREE, PARDNER! BETTER GET GOING! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU!

I CAN BREATHE EASY NOW! THE BOY'S A FOOL FOR DOING THAT BUT I'M PROUD OF HIM!
GOSH, KID.. I DIDN'T WANT TO SIGNAL YOU FOR FEAR IT WOULD SCARE THE LION!
THAT WAS A SHE-LION TWICE AS DANGEROUS AS A MALE! THIS IS CUBBING SEASON, RANDY! NEXT TIME...
THAR WON'T BE A NEXT TIME, AMIGOS! NOBODY GOES AROUND ROBBIN' BAIT BARLOW'S TRAP LINES AND GETTIN' AWAY WITH IT!
AND NO DECENT TRAPPER SETS HIS LINES DURING CUBBING SEASON! IT'S CRUEL AND INHUMAN!
I SET MY LINES WHEN AND WHAR I PLEASE!
THE RAWHIDE KID'S GUNS WERE A BLUR OF MOTION AS THEY WHIPPED OUT AND ROARED...
JUST IN CASE YOU WERE THINKING OF PULLING THAT TRIGGER!
I'D LIKE TO SEE THE PELTS YOU'VE GATHERED! I'LL WARRANT YOU'VE GOT DOES, FAWNS AND OTHERS! GET UP AND SHOW ME YOUR CAMP!
YOU'LL WISH I NEVER DID! I AIN'T FORGETTIN' THIS!
HALF AN HOUR LATER...
TELL YOUR SIDEKICK NOT TO SHOOT!
DON'T SHOOT, HAWK! THIS BUSHWHACKER GOT ME FROZE!

LOOK, KID! THEY'VE GOT A BABY MOUNTAIN LION CHAINED TO THAT STAKE!
IT TAKES A LOW-DOWN SNAKE TO ROB AN ANIMAL OF ITS YOUNG! TALK UP! WHERE'D YOU STEAL THE CUB?
WE FOUND THE CUB IN A CAVE! THE BIG CAT ATTACKED SO WE KILLED IT!
YOU KILLED THE MALE CAT AND THEN TRAPPED THE FEMALE! YOU STOLE THE CUB AFTER THAT! AM I RIGHT?
WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF YOURS IF WE KILLED A COUPLE OF BEEF-EATIN' LIONS!
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IF I TOLD YOU! I'M HOLSTERING MY GUNS... BUT DON'T TRY ANY-THING!
BUT WHEN THE KID HAD PUT UP HIS GUNS...
KID! BEHIND YOU! LOOK OUT!
KEEP THE RATTLER HONEST, RANDY!
YOU'RE SAFE FROM BEHIND, KID!
WHRAM
THANKS, PARDNER!
CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY! I'M GIVING YOU BOTH A CHANCE TO SADDLE UP AND MAKE TRACKS OUT OF THIS TERRITORY! GET UP AND GO!
I GUESS WE WON'T BE SEEING THEM ANY MORE! BETTER TAKE THAT LION CUB ALONG WITH US, RANDY!
HONEST, KID? GOSH, HE'LL MAKE A SWELL PET!
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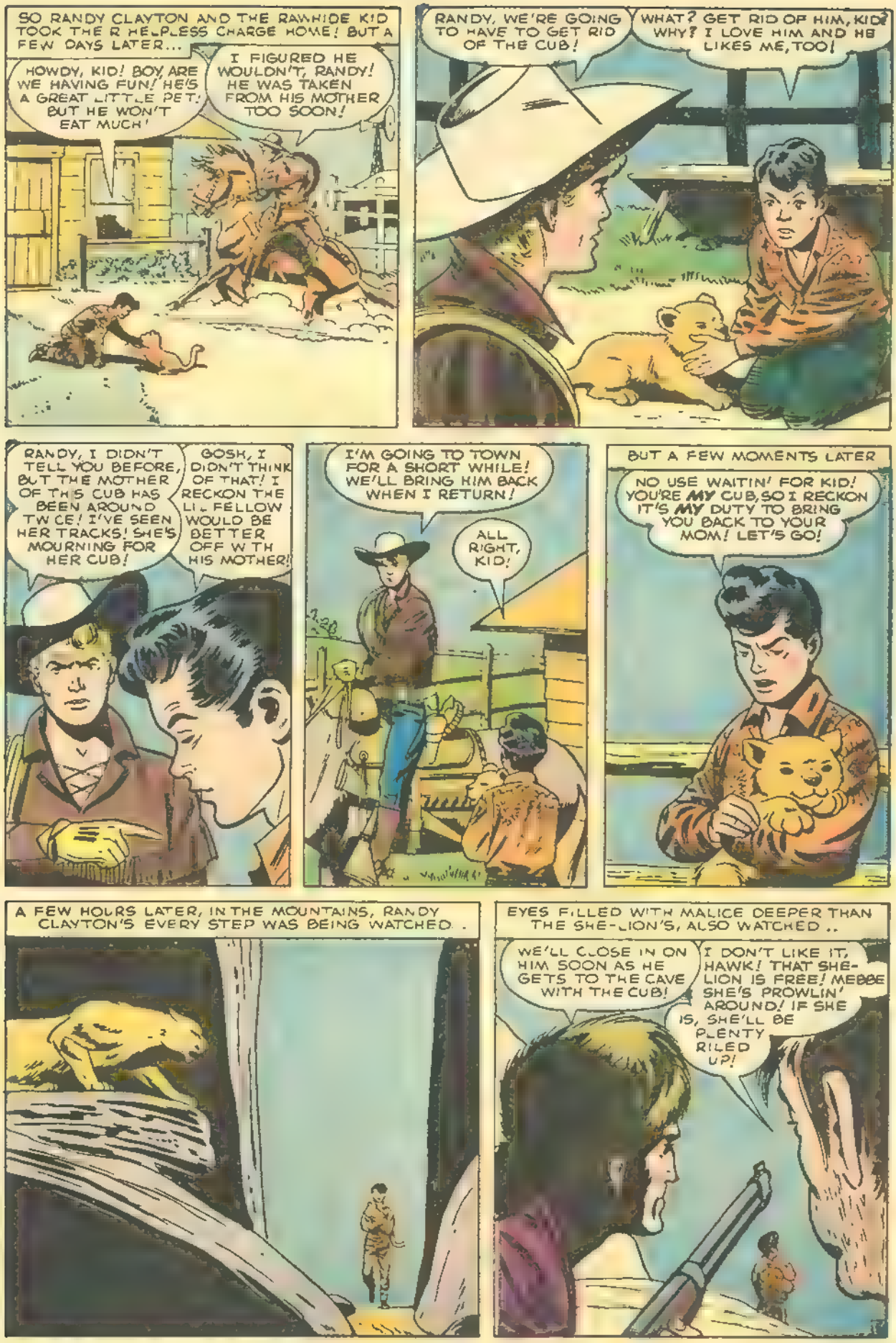
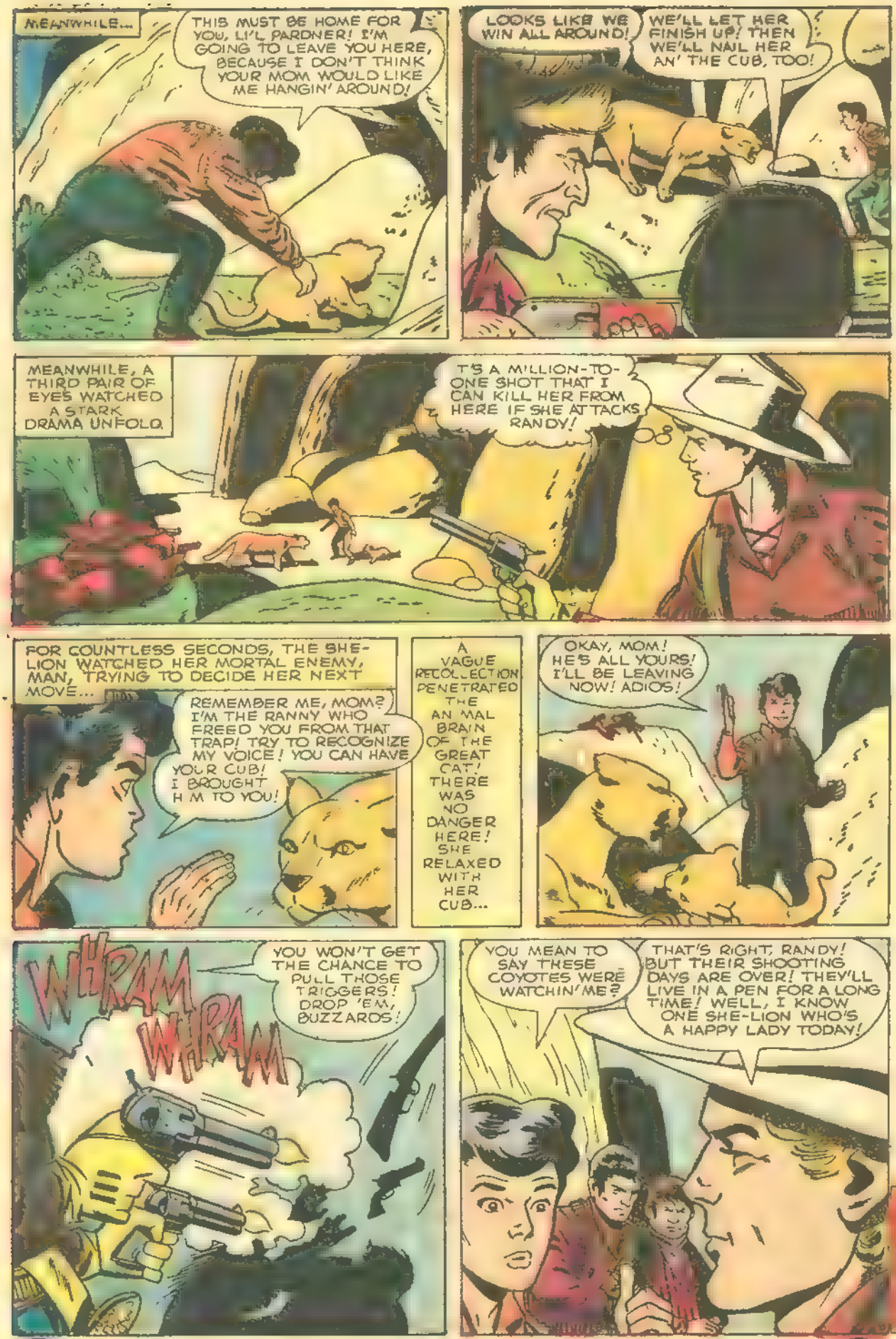

SO RANDY CLAYTON AND THE RAWHIDE KID TOOK THE R HELPLESS CHARGE HOME! BUT A FEW DAYS LATER...
HOWDY, KID! BOY, ARE WE HAVING FUN! HE'S A GREAT LITTLE PET! BUT HE WON'T EAT MUCH!
I FIGURED HE WOULDN'T, RANDY! HE WAS TAKEN FROM HIS MOTHER TOO SOON!
RANDY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET RID OF THE CUB!
WHAT? GET RID OF HIM, KID? WHY? I LOVE HIM AND HE LIKES ME, TOO!
RANDY, I DIDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE, BUT THE MOTHER OF THIS CUB HAS BEEN AROUND TWICE! I'VE SEEN HER TRACKS! SHE'S MOURNING FOR HER CUB!
GOSH, I DIDN'T THINK OF THAT! I RECKON THE LI'L FELLOW WOULD BE BETTER OFF W TH HIS MOTHER!
I'M GOING TO TOWN FOR A SHORT WHILE! WE'LL BRING HIM BACK WHEN I RETURN!
ALL RIGHT, KID!
BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER
NO USE WAITIN' FOR KID! YOU'RE MY CUB, SO I RECKON IT'S MY DUTY TO BRING YOU BACK TO YOUR MOM! LET'S GO!
A FEW HOURS LATER, IN THE MOUNTAINS, RANDY CLAYTON'S EVERY STEP WAS BEING WATCHED.
EYES FILLED WITH MALICE DEEPER THAN THE SHE-LION'S, ALSO WATCHED ..
WE'LL CLOSE IN ON HIM SOON AS HE GETS TO THE CAVE WITH THE CUB!
I DON'T LIKE IT, HAWK! THAT SHE-LION IS FREE! MEBBE SHE'S PROWLIN' AROUND! IF SHE IS, SHE'LL BE PLENTY RILED UP!


MEANWHILE...
THIS MUST BE HOME FOR YOU, LI'L PARDNER! I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU HERE, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOUR MOM WOULD LIKE ME HANGIN' AROUND!
LOOKS LIKE WE WIN ALL AROUND!
WE'LL LET HER FINISH UP! THEN WE'LL NAIL HER AN' THE CUB, TOO!
MEANWHILE, A THIRD PAIR OF EYES WATCHED A STARK DRAMA UNFOLD.
IT'S A MILLION-TO-ONE SHOT THAT I CAN KILL HER FROM HERE IF SHE ATTACKS RANDY!
FOR COUNTLESS SECONDS, THE SHE-LION WATCHED HER MORTAL ENEMY, MAN, TRYING TO DECIDE HER NEXT MOVE...
REMEMBER ME, MOM? I'M THE RANNY WHO FREED YOU FROM THAT TRAP! TRY TO RECOGNIZE MY VOICE! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CUB! I BROUGHT H M TO YOU!
A VAGUE RECOLLECTION PENETRATED THE AN MAL BRAIN OF THE GREAT CAT! THERE WAS NO DANGER HERE! SHE RELAXED WITH HER CUB...
OKAY, MOM! HE'S ALL YOURS! I'LL BE LEAVING NOW! ADIOS!
WHAM WHAM
YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE TO PULL THOSE TRIGGERS! DROP 'EM, BUZZARDS!
YOU MEAN TO SAY THESE COYOTES WERE WATCHIN' ME?
THAT'S RIGHT, RANDY! BUT THEIR SHOOTING DAYS ARE OVER! THEY'LL LIVE IN A PEN FOR A LONG TIME! WELL, I KNOW ONE SHE-LION WHO'S A HAPPY LADY TODAY!
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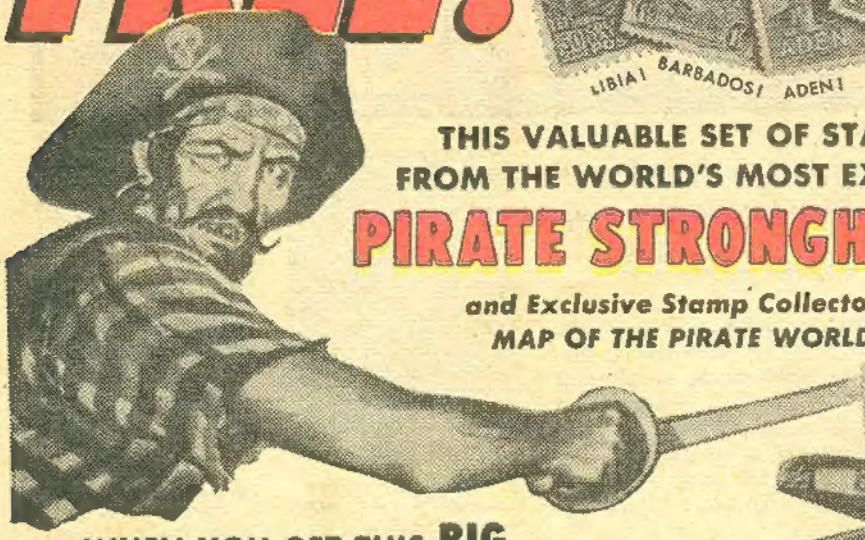

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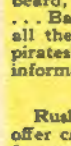

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